



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Shahriar ALAM, et al.

: Atty. Dkt No.: MDHS-378A

Serial No.: 09/272,562

: Group Art Unit: 1771

Filed: March 19, 1999

: Examiner: J. Guarriello

SCREEN INK PRINTED FILM CARRIER AND :

ELECTRICALLY MODULATED DEVICE :

USING SAME (As Amended) :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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**Commissioner for Patents**

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**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please ADD new claim 28 as follows:

--28. The screen ink printed film carrier of claim 1, wherein:

said thin film carrier layer comprises a fibrous sublayer and a continuous surface layer attached to said fibrous sublayer, said continuous surface layer comprising a thermosetting resin; and

said curable resin contained in said ink pattern comprises a thermosetting resin selected from the group consisting of phenolic, phenolic/epoxy mixtures, and polyimide.--

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**REMARKS**

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Claims 1-11 and 21-28 are currently pending in the application. In the Preliminary

<b>CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)</b> <b>REQUEST TRANSMITTAL (Large Entity)</b> Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing. <i>(Only for Continuation or Divisional Applications Under 37 CFR 1.53(d))</i>				Docket No. MDHA-378A	
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This is a request for filing a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> continuation, or <input type="checkbox"/> divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number <u>09/272,562</u> filed on <u>March 19, 1999</u> and entitled:					
<b>SCREEN INK PRINTED FILM CARRIER AND ELECTRICALLY MODULATED DEVICE USING SAME (As Amended)</b>					
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.					
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<b>CLAIMS AS FILED</b>					
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Total Claims	19	- 20 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	2	- 3 =	0	x \$84.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
<b>BASIC FEE</b>					<b>\$750.00</b>
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>					<b>\$750.00</b>

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NONPUBLICATION REQUEST UNDER 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(i)

10. ☒ The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided below:

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**NOTES**

**Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing.**

**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application must be a nonprovisional application that is either (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. 1.51(b) or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA except for reissues and designs to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 USC 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

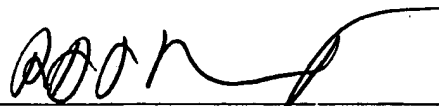
**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

**ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the Applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.14 to access to copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or application in the file jacket.

**35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT:** In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request. 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a).

Dated: July 2, 2002

  
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